

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0403

Title: Criminal background check on home care worker applicants

Primary

Sponsor: Spook Stang

Status: As introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$16,800	\$22,189
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$13,500	\$27,000
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$3,300)	\$4,811

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact	X		Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. State and national fingerprint based background checks would be conducted on all in-home care service providers.
2. There would be 4,500 in-home care service applicant checks per year. Each applicant card takes a technician approximately 20 minutes to process. With this additional workload, a 0.75 FTE would be needed to process a year's activity. Due to the effective date of the bill being January 1, 2000, only half of the applicant checks and a portion of this FTE are needed in FY 2000.

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A 0.50 FTE (grade 10 – cost of \$11,823) is needed in FY 2000 and 0.75 FTE (grade 10 – cost of \$17,734) is needed in FY 2001. Ongoing operating costs of \$2,227 in FY 2000 and \$4,455 in FY 2001 are needed for data network charges, supplies, telephone, postage, training, and rent. One-time-only new employee package cost is \$2,750 in FY 2000.

3. The employer would send completed fingerprint cards to the Department of Justice, Identification Bureau, i.e., the Identification Bureau does not “print” the applicant.
4. A full fingerprint background check will cost \$32, with the state keeping \$6 for the general fund. The remainder of the cost is passthrough to the FBI. Additional revenue generated for the general fund by this bill would be \$13,500 (2,250 checks x 6) in FY 2000 and \$27,000 in FY 2001 (4,500 checks x 6).
5. There is no fiscal impact to the Secretary of State.
6. There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Dept. of Justice

	<u>FY2000</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2001</u> <u>Difference</u>
FTE	.050	0.75

Expenditures:

Personal Services	\$11,823	\$17,734
Operating Expenses	<u>4,977</u>	<u>4,455</u>
TOTAL	\$16,800	\$22,189

Funding:

General Fund (01)	\$16,800	\$22,189
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Revenues:

General Fund (01)	\$13,500	\$27,000
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Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):

General Fund (01)	(\$3,300)	\$4,811
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TECHNICAL NOTES:

The definition of ‘criminal history background check’ is ambiguous. A fingerprint-based check would result in the dissemination of ‘public’ criminal history information. Also, the FBI will only accept and process fingerprint cards from a State Repository, i.e., the Identification Bureau in the State of Montana.